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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF
MAILED NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief Mailed November 7, 2006. The brief was cited as non-compliant for failing to contain the proper explanation of the subject matter as defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. In accordance with MPEP 1205.03, included herewith (beginning on page 2 of this paper) is a corrected summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v).

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

As recited in claim 1, Appellant's claimed subject matter includes a computer-readable memory medium comprising an application program running under an operating system, a first software component and a second software component. (Specification – page 13, lines 10-13; page 16, lines 25-30; page 17, lines 1-2; FIG. 1, reference number 18). The first software component (e.g., the JTextField component and/or the JLabel component) is generally adapted to create a graphical representation of an object (e.g., a graphical representation of TextField 122 and/or Label 120, FIG. 13), which is embodied as code within the software component. Although the code comprises text and other displayable content, the first software component may be invoked during runtime by the application program to define visual attributes of the text, but not to draw the text. (Specification – page 32, lines 14-18). Instead, the second software component (e.g., the JTextFieldPeer component and/or the JFastLabelPeer component) may be invoked to draw the text using the visual attributes defined by the first software component. (Specification – page 32, lines 18-28).

As recited in claim 8, Appellant's claimed subject matter also includes a method for drawing an object embedded within software code, where the object comprises text and other displayable content created by an application program running under an operating system. (Specification – page 33, line 1 to page 34, line 10; and FIG. 13). In general, the method may include the steps of executing a first software component (e.g., the JTextField component and/or the JLabel component) to create a graphical representation of the object (e.g., a graphical representation of TextField 122 and/or Label 120, FIG. 13) to define the visual attributes of the object without creating the text attributable to the object (Specification – page 32, lines 14-18); and executing a second software component (e.g., the JTextFieldPeer component and/or the JFastLabelPeer component) to draw the text attributable to the object by using the visual attributes defined by the first software component to fetch code that is independent of the operating system (Specification – page 32, lines 18-28; and page 13, lines 4-6).

As recited in claim 16, other subject matter claimed by the Appellant includes a computer-readable storage device having a windows-based operating system and an application program running under the operating system. (Specification – page 13, lines 10-13; page 16, lines 25-30; page 17, lines 1-2; FIG. 1, reference number 18). The computer-readable storage device also includes an object and text associated with the object, both created at runtime by the application program. (Specification – page 33, lines 1-12; FIG. 13). More specifically, the application program may be adapted for: invoking a first software component (e.g., the JTextField component and/or the JLabel component) adapted for creating a graphical representation of the object (e.g., a graphical representation of TextField 122 or Label 120, FIG. 13) and defining visual attributes of the object without drawing the text (Specification – page 32, lines 14-18); and invoking a second software component (e.g., the JTextFieldPeer component and/or the JFastLabelPeer component) adapted for drawing the text using the visual attributes defined by the first software component (Specification – page 32, lines 18-28; page 13, lines 4-6).

CONCLUSION

The present response is believed to be a complete response to the issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief Mailed November 7, 2006. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

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